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SUBJECT: EMBASSY MUSCAT EAC - 04/19/2006

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Summary

11. (SBU) The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the core Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on April 19 to assess the Embassy's overall security posture. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting, and agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and force protection condition (FPCON) remain appropriate. End Summary.

Security Environment

12. (SBU) On April 19, the Ambassador chaired a meeting of the core EAC to assess the Embassy's overall security posture. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Likewise, members cited no recent security incidents among their staffs or family members, while CONS (Duty Officer) confirmed that there have been no reported security incidents or security-related queries from the private American citizen (Amcit) community. The EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman.

Cruise Ships to Oman

13. (SBU) The EAC also discussed the increase in cruise ships making port calls to Oman. In this respect, CONS agreed to work with DAO to identify the respective ships' agents in order to broaden distribution of Consular Information Sheets and Embassy contact information to Amcit passengers.

Upcoming Events

14. (SBU) In conjunction with a review of upcoming Embassy-related events, P/E discussed a U.S. Trade Development Agency conference to be held May 14-16 at the Barr Al Jissah Resort in Muscat. RSO confirmed that security for the conference will be closely coordinated with the Royal Oman Police.

Sustained Vigilance

15. (SBU) Prior to concluding the meeting, the Ambassador reiterated that section heads have a responsibility for instructing staff members, American and locally engaged alike, to maintain unpredictable schedules varying their routes and times to and from work each day. The Ambassador added that section heads should provide adequate opportunity to do so, and to provide appropriate oversight.

EAC Conclusion

16. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on April 11 (reftel). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. AMB, DCM, P/E, MGT, RSO, ARSO, SIMO, PAO, CONS (Duty Officer), DAO, OMC (USDR), and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.

